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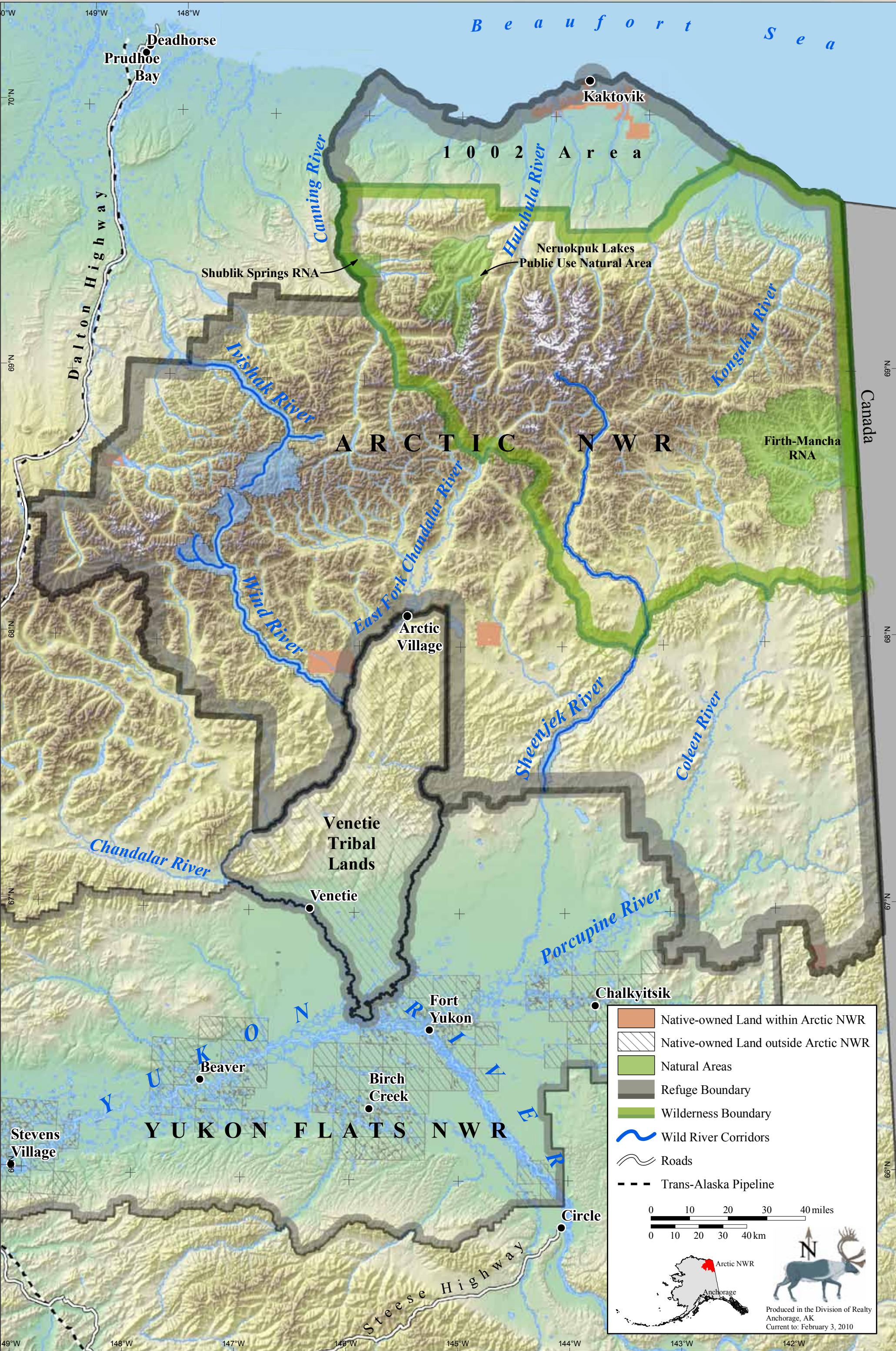
Comprehensive Conservation Planning

You're important to the CCP process—To plan a better future for wildlife and people

What is a CCP?

A Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) is a document that guides long-term management for a National Wildlife Refuge. The original Arctic National Wildlife Refuge CCP went into effect in 1988. We are now undertaking a multi-year process to revise the 1988 CCP.

Arctic Refuge Map



Why Revise the CCP?

Some things have changed since the 1988 CCP that affect Refuge management:

1. The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act (1997)
2. Federal Subsistence Management Program (1990)
3. The Dalton Highway is now open to the public
4. Climate change has emerged as a concern
5. Visitor use patterns have changed

The CCP Timeline

Dates	The Refuge:	The Public:
Fall 2009	The Refuge prepares for the planning process.	
Spring 2010	A 60-day public comment period opens. The Refuge welcomes public comments about the future of the Refuge, and what issues, opportunities, or conflicts they want the CCP to address.	This is the first opportunity for the public to provide ideas about the Refuge and its management. The public can provide comments during open houses, can submit comments by email or letter, or can fill out a comment form on the web or in a CCP booklet.
	Receive comments from the public.	Submit comments to the Refuge.
Summer 2010	Public comments will be analyzed.	
Fall and Winter 2010	The Refuge will use public comments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ help determine what issues will be addressed in the CCP,■ develop a range of alternative management options for the Refuge, and■ assess the effects of each alternative. The Refuge will then draft the CCP and its accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	
Early Spring 2011	The Refuge will distribute the draft CCP/EIS to the public for comment. The public comment period runs no less than 90 days.	This is the opportunity for the public to read over the draft CCP/EIS and submit comments on any aspect of its content. The public can provide comments during public meetings, or can submit comments by email, letter or the CCP website.
	Receive comments from the public.	Submit comments to the Refuge.
Summer 2011	Public comments will be analyzed.	
Fall and Winter 2011	The Refuge will use public comments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ finalize management alternatives and their effects, and■ finalize all content of the Revised CCP The Refuge will select a preferred management alternative, finalize the Revised CCP, and draft the Final EIS.	
Early Spring 2012	The Revised CCP and Final EIS are made available for public review. This public comment period is open for 30 days.	The public has the opprtunity to offer written comments on the Revised CCP/Final EIS.
	Receive comments from the public.	Submit comments to the Refuge.
Spring 2012	A decision is made on the Final EIS, and the Revised CCP is published. The Refuge will be managed under this Revised CCP.	

CCP Goals

All aspects of the CCP must be in compliance with the purposes for which the Refuge was created.

CCP Goal 1. Achieve Refuge purposes.

The Arctic Refuge was established in 1960 “for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values ...”

In 1980, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) enlarged the Refuge, designated 40% of it as Wilderness, and added four complementary purposes:

- conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats,
- comply with international fish and wildlife treaties,
- provide opportunities for subsistence,
- and ensure water quality and quantity.

The Arctic Refuge is managed for all Americans by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a federal agency within the Department of the Interior:



CCP Goal 2. Identify Refuge resources and values.



CCP Goal 3. Identify opportunities for public use, research, and education.



CCP Goal 4. Coordinate with local, state, and tribal governments, and the public.



CCP Goal 5. Guide long-term Refuge management.



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